

### Green campus initiatives (2023-2024)

The college has a green area of 55% which consists of different variety of trees, plants and gardens with local medicinal plants and herbs. The college promotes and practices green and eco friendly campus. The following are some of the initiative taken by the college for greening the campus.



*Green area of the college*

#### **Green campus initiatives include (as per NAAC – AQAR 7.1.5)**

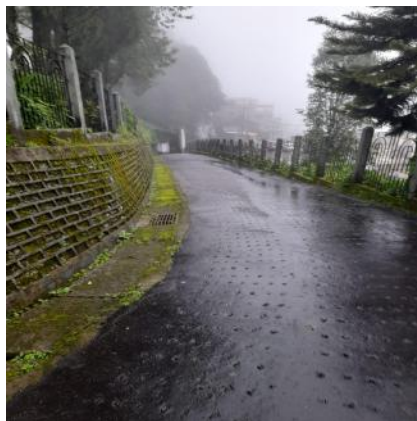
The institutional initiatives for Green Campus are as follows

1. Restricted entry of automobiles
  2. Pedestrian Friendly pathways
  3. Ban on use of Plastic
  4. landscaping with trees and plants
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- **Restricted entry of automobiles** since the college practices Green and eco friendly campus it encourages minimum use of vehicles – the Staffs and Students prefer walking to College whose residences are of walk-able distance. The college has a parking area but very few vehicles are seen parking.



*Very few vehicles or empty parking.*

- **Pedestrian Friendly pathways** – the college is situated near the main road. The college has a motorable approach road within its campus joining the main road. It also has a short pedestrian friendly pathway, stairways with railings.





- Ban on use of Plastic - Since the college is declared as a plastic free zone, the use of plastic bags is discouraged within the campus. Even with such awareness some plastic waste enters into college these plastics are collected weekly by the volunteers of NSS and NCC and are handed over to the Municipal Vehicle. The NSS every year makes plastic Bricks from the plastic pet bottle collected in and around the campus



### ***Efforts for plastic free campus.***

**Landscaping with trees and plants-** The College every year organizes various Plantation programs in the College Campus. The Plantation Program plants various indigenous species of ornamental, flowering, medicinal, wild Orchids, climbers and fruits trees. The college students during regular cleaning and plantation drives landscape trees and plants which makes the college clean and tidy. The NSS and NCC Unit of the college organizes and participates in various plantation drives outside the college in collaboration with local organizations and community.

World environment day was observed by cleaning the campus and planting of the saplings in the campus on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023. NSS unit of the college in collaboration with NCC Unit organized a series of programs relating to World Environmental Day, 2023. On this occasion three day program was organized:-

- (i) Special Talk on environmental Protection on 02.06.2023
- (ii) Campus Cleaning on 03.06.2023
- (iii) Tree Plantation 05.06.2023







Cleaning and Landscaping of campus by NSS and NCC



## World Environment Day, 5th June 2024

As every year the NSS and NCC Unit of the college took initiative on the occasion of World Environment Day, 5th June 2024 by cleaning the campus and planting of the saplings in the campus. On this occasion the following program was organized:-

- (i) Campus Cleaning on 05.06.2024
- (ii) Tree Plantation 05.06.2024



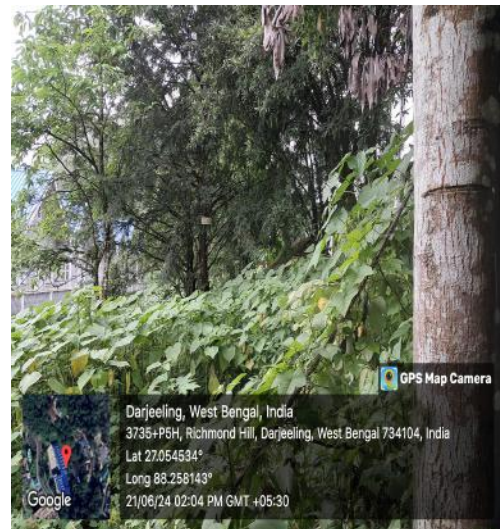
World Environment Day , 05.06.2024 campus cleaning and plantation drive



## *Plantation and Landscaping with trees and plants*







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## EXTERNAL GREEN AUDIT VISIT 2024







*External Green Audit team visit on 20.06.2024 and 21.06.2024*

## **POLICY DOCUMENT ON GREEN CAMPUS**

The college has a well defined Policy Document on Green Campus for environmental friendly initiatives and programs.

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### Policy Document on Green Campus


#### Introduction

Environmental issues and challenges have received major attention from all sections and fields in recent times. The rapid depletion and degradation of the environment due to urbanization, industrial development, and non-sustainable overpopulation have led to excessive exploitation of the environment which has resulted in adverse effects on ecology, health, sustainability, and posterity. Sensitization on environmental and sustainability issues is the most essential call of the hour. Educational institutions nurturing young minds provide an opportunity to create awareness and take self-responsibility to conserve and protect it. Therefore, it is an imperative to formulate a Clean, Green, and Environment-friendly policy focusing on and outlining our commitment to reducing, reusing, and recycling resources, conserving water and energy, reducing carbon emission, protecting biodiversity, and promoting sustainable practices in our college premises.

Darjeeling Government College is a co-educational fully government-funded college, established in 1948 in Darjeeling, West Bengal, India. The College is situated at an elevation of 2134 meters. It is near the famous Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, and the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute. It offers postgraduate courses in Botany, Zoology, English, and Nepali and undergraduate courses in Nepali, English, Bengali, History, Hindi, Economics, Tibetan, Geography, Political Science, Philosophy, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany, Zoology, Microbiology and Commerce. Main Campus has a total area of 87,120 sq. feet with 38,976 sq. feet built-up area. Thus, the college has a green area of 55% which consists of different variety of trees, plants and gardens with local medicinal plants and herbs. The college also boasts of a wide variety of fauna inhabiting in the campus. It is surrounded by protected forest of PNZP from three sides and thus has thick green cover both inside and in the vicinity.

This college is committed to provide quality education and promote research that will contribute to the continual development of our society. The college is nearing towards 75<sup>th</sup> Year of its existence and we feel elated and proud to have achieved significant milestone at the same time acknowledging its responsibility. Taking into account the necessity of protecting environment for a sustainable, pollution-free and healthy life, the college has formulated its Green Policy.

  
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The college endeavors to follow this 'Green Policy' strictly by enacting and also creating environmental consciousness among the students and thereby in the society in general by organizing various activities within and outside the campus. The college is committed towards creating a green, pollution-free and healthy environment promoting environment sustainability and responsible use of resources in all aspects of its operation.

#### Main focus areas for Green Campus Policy are:

1. Landscaping Initiatives with trees and plants
2. Clean Campus Initiatives
3. Infrastructure

Links to view the document:

[https://www.darjeelinggovernmentcollege.com/userfiles/file/Policy\\_Document\\_on\\_Green\\_Campus.pdf](https://www.darjeelinggovernmentcollege.com/userfiles/file/Policy_Document_on_Green_Campus.pdf)

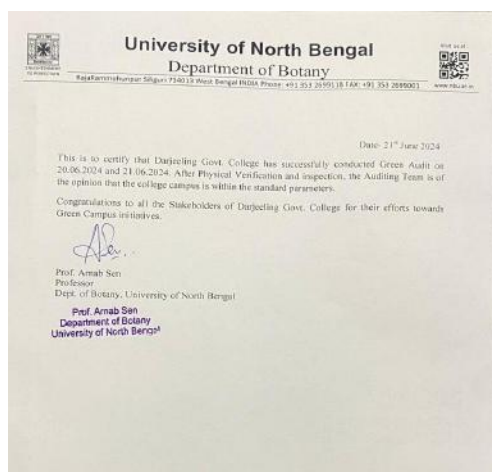
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## GREEN AUDIT

The college perusing its Green Campus policy conducts Green Audit both Internal and External. The Internal Team assesses the campus and makes necessary recommendations. The External Green Audit team visits the campus for assessment and inspection and provides its



recommendation. The institution takes necessary steps for green campus and environment sustainability.



*External Green Audit Team Campus Visit on 20.06.2024 and 21.06.2024*

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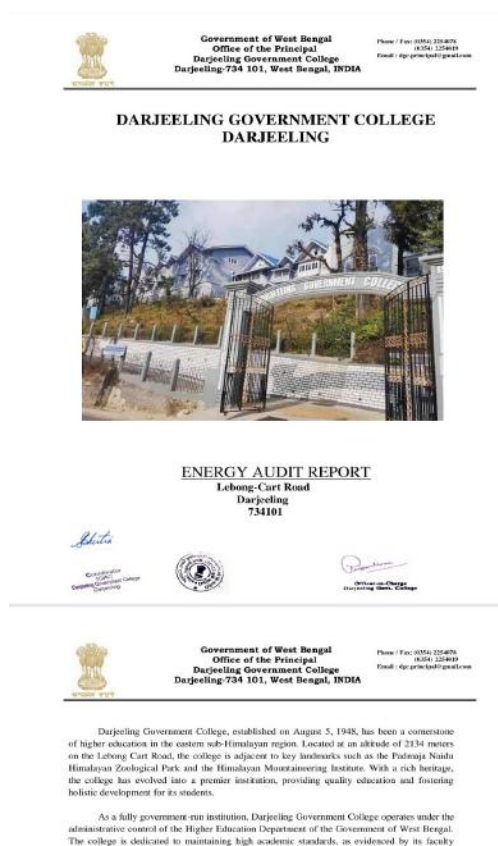
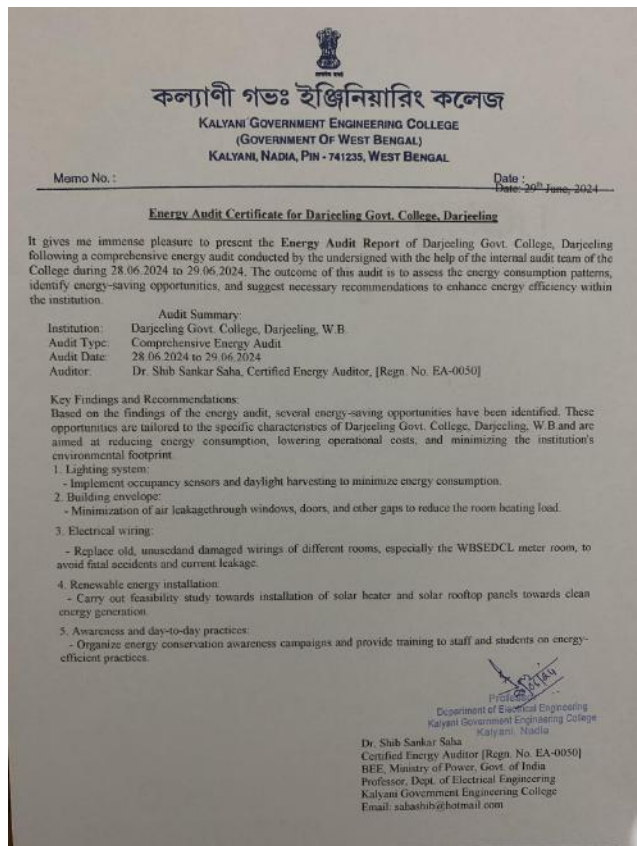
[https://www.darjeelinggovernmentcollege.com/userfiles/file/Green\\_Audit\\_Report\\_Website.pdf](https://www.darjeelinggovernmentcollege.com/userfiles/file/Green_Audit_Report_Website.pdf)

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## ENERGY AUDIT

The college perusing its Green Campus policy conducts Green Audit and Energy Audit. The

Internal Team assesses the campus and makes necessary recommendations. The External Energy Audit team visits the campus for assessment and inspection and provides its recommendation. The institution takes necessary steps for energy conservation within the campus.



*External Energy Audit Team Campus Visit on 28.06.2024 and 29.06.2024*

Links for Energy Audit Report:

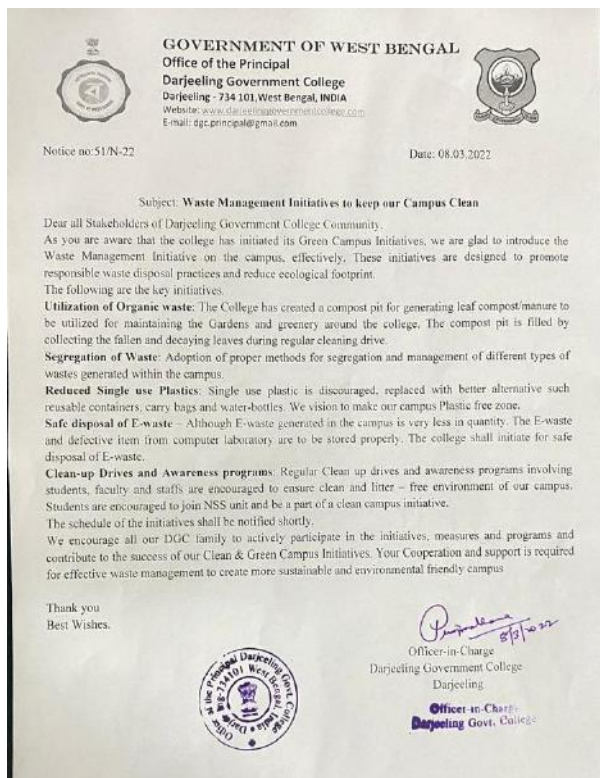
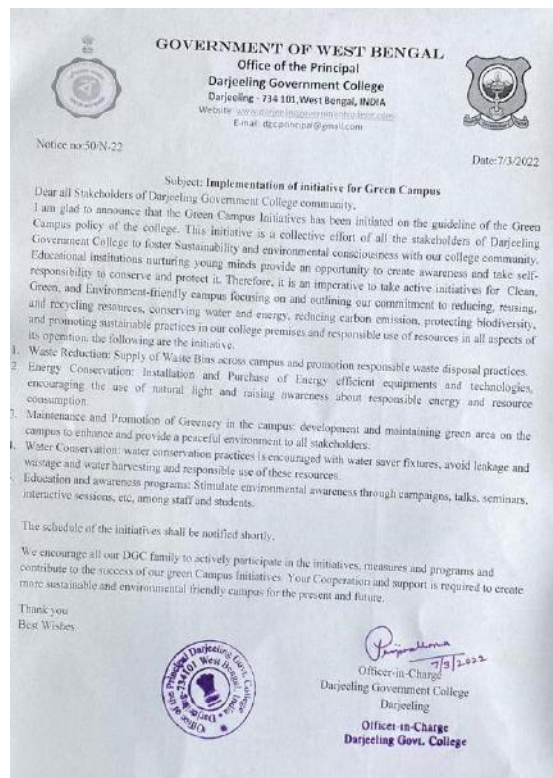
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**Implementation of Green Campus and Waste Management Initiative to keep the campus clean since March 2022.**

The Green campus and Waste Management Initiative to keep the campus clean started in March



2022 in accordance to the Green Campus Policy of the Institution. The college regularly promotes programs and drives to keep the campus Green and clean

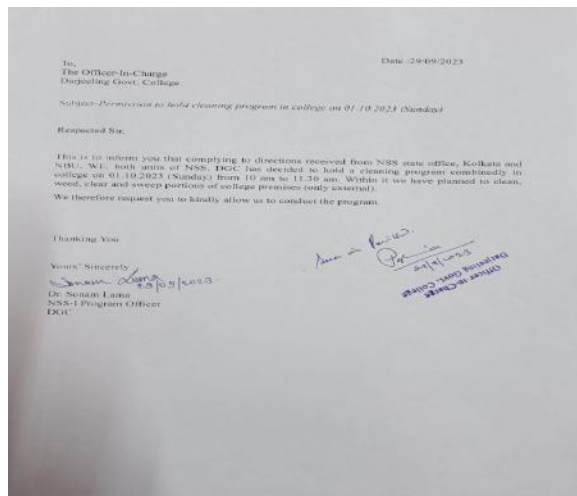


## Cleanness and Green Campus activities.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2023 NSS, DGC organized campus cleaning drive on the occasion of ‘**Gandhi Jayanti**’ and ‘**Swachhta hi Sewa**’ Mission

Our honourable Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi had initiated an activity named “**SHRAMDAAN**”, a cleanliness activity as a part of Swachh Bharat on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023, wherein the citizens of India were to take part in this activity for an hour(10-11 am) on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. The volunteers of National Service Scheme (NSS), Darjeeling Government College along with our Program Officers planned to be a part of the activity “**Shramdaan**”. NSS organised a cleanliness drive in and around our College compound on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2023, Sunday.

The participants brought out the essential things like gloves, hardbroom, sickles, sacks, etc from the NSS room and started cleaning the college campus from 10:00 am onwards. The volunteers collected the non-biodegradable and biodegradable wastes separately in different sacks. The volunteers removed the weeds, cleaned the areas where we had planted the saplings on “**World Environment Day**”. After collecting all the wastes and swept the floors and cleaned it properly. Disposed the wastes and ended the clean up drive at around 11:30 am.







*Photos of the cleaning drive and “Shramdaan” on 01.10.2023.*